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The President's Page



Elizabeth Cammack

The 1955 Executive Board goes into office under auspicious circumstances. The Association now has the largest and most active membership that it has ever had with six hundred and fifty-three members. There has been a steady increase in members over the past few years due in part to the growth of libraries in the State and to an increased professional interest on the part of the profession and the friends of libraries. Under the capable leadership of President Vivian Cazayoux and the Executive Board, 1954 was a good year for the Association. That Board turned the business of the Association over to the new Board in excellent shape. We, the officers of 1955, hope that we can feel the same sense of accomplishment when we go out of office that the '54 Board must feel.

A great help in assuming our new responsibilities was the joint meeting of the 1954 and 1955 Executive Boards in Baton Rouge on December 11. You will find a summary of the minutes of that meeting elsewhere. Preceding the meeting individual conferences were held between each

cet of officers. Here, records and correspondence were transferred from one officer to the next. This and the meeting which followed gave a continuity to the Association from one year to the next which any successful organization needs. The new officers are grateful to the old for the help which they have given us. I want to take this opportunity to thank Vivian publicly for the many things which she has done to make my new responsibilities easier. I feel that I am fortunate in following a strong president.

Committees for 1955 are almost complete. Many of you are already at work. Plans for the 1955 Convention are well under way with Leis Shortess as Convention Chairman and Sallie Farrell as Program Chairman. They have told you of plans on other pages so I won't go into them here.

The Executive Board hopes that you will like the new kind of Headquarters for the Convention this year. Headquarters were originally established at a local hotel but were changed to the Bellemont Courts because of a mix-up in dates at the hotel. We think that the new arrangement has many advantages. Those of you who attended the dinner for Miss Mary Walton Harris at the parish librarians's conference last summer will remember that the Bellemont is where the dinner was held.

An important project undertaken last year was the writing of a Convention Manual. The Executive Board upon a suggestion by Vivian asked Frances Flanders, who was Convention Chairman in Monroe in 1954 and who has worked on making local arrangements several times, to keep a record of what was done, using this as a basis for a manual. The manual is now in the hands of Mrs. Shortess, who is finding it a most useful guide. She will add any suggestions which she may have after the 1955 meeting.

I hope to see all of you in Baton Rouge March 24-26.

Elizabeth Cammack, President, L.L.A.

The Past President's Report

It seems fitting to present to the membership at this time a summary of the work of the Louisiana Library Association during 1954. The report of the year's activities does not belong to me, but to the many members of the organization who have worked long and well on the responsibilities they have assumed.

As I look back over the past year, I am impressed with two things. First, the responsibility involved in serving an organization like ours with 653 members, four sections and twenty-three committees. Second, the energy, ability and wholehearted interest displayed by the committees, and the chairmen in particular, actively engaged in carrying out the Association program. I am grateful to all these members and to the Executive Board in particular who have served so faithfully.

The highlight of the year for the membership as a whole was the annual convention held in Monroe, March 25-27, 1954, with 289 persons, forty-four per cent of the membership, in attendance. Since a complete report of the meeting was carried in the Summer issue of the *Bulletin*, I will not repeat, except to say that it was a most successful meeting with every detail carried out with great efficiency by the local committees.

The chairman of each convention committee was asked to prepare a detailed statement of the committee's duties and responsibilities. These have been collected into a convention manual, edited by Frances Flanders, and should be of considerable value to future officers and convention committees. The plan is to have it used and added to by committee members for several years before duplicating it in final form.

Under the editorship of Guy R. Lyle and Louise Ward, the *Bulletin* set new standards of high quality. When Mr. Lyle resigned in July because of his departure from the state, Miss Ward agreed to assume the full responsibility for the remainder of the year.



Vivian Cazayoux

The Executive Board met three times during the year to transact the official business of the Association. During the annual convention the Board invited the committee and section chairmen to meet with us for the purpose of discussing with a representative group several matters of general interest. With an enlarged membership and an increased attendance at the annual conference, the business transacted is held to a minimum, yet it is necessary for the Executive Board to know the will of the group in making important decisions. The establishment of such an advisory group on a permanent basis to meet at least once annually with the Executive Board is certainly worthy of consideration.

It should give the membership a feeling of security and confidence to know that the Association is in excellent financial condition as evidenced by the treasurer's report in this issue. Rather than carry the total assets in a checking account the Board voted to transfer \$2000 to a savings account where it will gain three per cent interest annually and will be readily available when needed.

The Executive Board was eager to embark on a new project that would benefit libraries and library development in the state, but we recognized the necessity for moving cautiously with all the necessary facts in hand before beginning. Several special committees were appointed to study projects and their reports will be presented to the membership for action at the 1955 convention.

One of these projects is the compilation of a union catalog of Louisiana materials located in libraries in the state. The special committee in charge has done considerable research and has circularized the college and public librarians to determine the volume of material to be included and the reaction of the librarians to such a catalog. Of the forty-five librarians who replied, thirty-three were in favor, so the committee is continuing its study and is investigating possible foundation support.

The possibility of establishing a scholarship or loan fund for graduate study in library science is being studied by the recruiting committee.

The need for amendment of Act No. 493 of 1948 providing for the distribution of state publications came to our attention. Accordingly, a special committee was appointed to study this need and to recommend the necessary revisions to be presented to the Legislature at their regular session in 1956.

The report and recommendations made in 1952 by a special committee which investigated the indexing of Louisiana periodicals was discussed by the Board with a very enthusiastic response. The chairman has been asked to make suggestions of how the recommendations might be implemented.

The Association is one of the agencies sponsoring the Louisiana Reading Festival in cooperation with the State Library, the Louisiana State University Library School and the Supervisor of School Libraries in the State Department of Education. As president, I have served on the planning committee for the festival which will open

February 1, and run through the end of April.

These are some of the matters which the 1954 officers discussed with the 1955 officers at a joint meeting of the two groups in December. Time was also allowed for exchange of information and material pertinent to the individual offices.

The following summary of the reports of the standing committees will certainly prove that the work of the Association is in the hands of many people.

Adult Education—Though this committee made no report of activities, the Association was not entirely inactive in this field. As president of the Association, I was invited to meet with representatives of other organizations and institutions participating in adult education activities for the purpose of establishing some cooperation among these agencies. At the second meeting, I was elected chairman of a steering committee to plan a statewide conference of adult education. This conference will be held at Pleasant Hall on the Louisiana State University campus, February 18-19, 1955.

Anditing—The committee reports that on January 6, 1955, the treasurer's records were audited and found to be in good order.

Constitution, By-Laws and Manual—During the year the Executive Board proposed two changes in the Constitution and three changes in the By-Laws. These changes were mimeographed for mailing to all members with the convention publicity notices. The mailing was unfortunately delayed and the constitutional requirement of thirty days notice for constitutional changes was not met. The two constitutional changes were therefore not presented to the membership at the convention. The changes in the By-Laws, not subject to this condition, were approved at the third general session of the convention, March 27, 1954.

At the meeting on December 11, 1954, the Executive Board voted to withdraw the proposed amendment which would have made the representatives to the A.L.A. Council members of the Executive Board, substituting for this an amendment to the Code making it possible for the president

to invite these representatives to attend Executive Board meetings. The second constitutional amendment providing for the appointment of substitutes by the president if elected representatives to the A.L.A. Council and the S.W.L.A. Executive Board are not able to attend meetings of these groups, will be re-submitted to the membership.

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Three changes and two additions to the Code were approved. Incorporating these changes and additions necessitated cutting and mimeographing ten new stencils. Fifty-three copies of the manual on hand were reassembled to include these new pages.

Federal Relations—The committee regrets that it cannot report that the Library Services Bill was enacted into law. Unfortunately, the bill died in committee. Plans are underway, however, for reintroduction of a considerably revised bill in the 84th Congress.

The committee concerned itself largely with the following legislation: Library of Congress appropriation, Retirement Income Exemption Bill, Universal Copyright Convention, Appointment of Librarian of Congress and Postal Rate Increase Bill. The committee acted for the Association by expressing to the proper Congressmen support or opposition depending upon the nature of the legislation.

Intellectual Freedom—This committee was first appointed as a special committee and then given standing committee status by a membership vote at the general session, March 27. The general purpose of the committee as stated in the Code is to defend the right and responsibility of the publicly supported library to preserve the freedom to read as stated in the Library Bill of Rights, adopted by the A.L.A.

This committee was called into action when a bill prohibiting the sale of any kind of printed material "which might be detrimental to the morals of minors" was introduced into the House of Representatives and given a favorable vote by the House Judiciary Committee. House Bill 265 was intended to prohibit the sale of indecent literature to minors, but it was so broad in its scope, so vague in its definitions and so loose

in its provisions as to endanger the individual's freedom to read and freedom of inquiry. Librarians throughout the state were circularized and asked to point out to their Legislators the danger of the legislation. In cooperation with the American Book Publishers Council and the Louisiana Press Association, a detailed statement explaining the opposition to the Bill was mimeographed and distributed to all Representatives. The Bill was never called up for vote and died on the House Calendar.

Legislative—The committee was active in the campaign to secure funds for new buildings for the State Library and the Louisiana State University Library. Letters were written to librarians and interested citizens asking them to present the building needs of the State Library to their Legislators and to urge other persons to do likewise. At the request of the committee, resolutions in support of the building program were adopted by the Executive Board on January 16 and again by the Association at the general session on March 27. Copies of these resolutions were sent to the Governor and members of the Legislature. In February, the committee called on the Governor to explain the urgent need for the new buildings. The members were on the alert for lobby duty during the Legislative session, but were not called upon.

Louisiana Literary Award — The 1955 award was presented to Richebourg Gaillard McWilliams for his translation of Fleur de Lys and Calumet: being the Penicaut Narrative of French Adventure in Louisiana. Since Mr. McWilliams was unable to be present at the Book Dinner on Friday, March 26, Mr. A. O. Goldsmith, Acting Director of the Louisiana State University Press, publishers of the award winning book, accepted the citation.

Membership—During 1954, membership in the Association increased from 589 to 653. This increase is in line with a steady growth in members for the past few years with a noticeable increase not only in libraries and librarians but also in trustees. Of the 653 members, 593 are individual members, including 20 sustaining members,

and 60 are institutional members, including 5 sustaining members.

Modisette Award-Through this committee, the Association recognized merit in two library groups during 1954. The Iberville Parish Library received the plaque as the outstanding public library and the Louisiana Chapter of the Special Libraries Association was honored for its activities and contribution to the State's library development. Both citations were made at the annual Book Dinner on March 26, with Mrs. Kay Werner McGinnis, Iberville Parish librarian, and Peggy Harper, president-elect of the Louisiana Chapter of the Special Libraries Association accepting the awards. The score sheet used in selecting the winner of the public library award was revised by the committee.

No school award was made during the year, because all committee members felt that the basis of the award in the school field should be changed, so as to gain interest and participation from more school librarians. The committee considered several different methods of conducting the competition including a score sheet and an "award by nomination" and finally decided that the annual award should go to the school library having excellence in one particular area, the area of competition having been previously announced by the committee. In 1955, it will go to the school library having an outstanding Teen-Age Librarians group.

In the early part of the year a special committee was appointed to draw up the standards for a Modisette Award to Trustees. At the general session, March 25, the standards were approved by the membership and the committee was established as a standing sub-committee of the Modisette Award committee. The first Trustee's Citation will be awarded in 1955.

Public Relations—Press releases covering Executive Board meetings, appointment of Bulletin staff, convention plans and events and Modisette Awards were prepared and mailed out by the committee. Mimeographed announcements of conference plans were mailed to all members. Information about

award winners was furnished national library periodicals.

Recruiting—The "Librarian for a Day" program sponsored by this committee for several years was discontinued this year upon a vote of the Executive Board, because it was generally felt that this activity had lost its effectiveness as a means of recruiting. The committee considered several alternate programs but none was adopted. At the present time the committee is investigating methods of producing television spot announcements to be used by stations all over the state.

Librarians at all Louisiana colleges offering undergraduate courses in library science were asked to arrange displays during Book Week, stressing the opportunities in library work as a career. Copies of "Be a Librarian" and the A.L.A. publication, "Paging Your Future," are being distributed through the Guidance Supervisor in the State Department of Education to all vocational guidance counselors in the state.

State Planning—The following recommendations of the committee were acted upon by the Executive Board:

Union catalog of college and public libraries—The Board decided that the difficulties involved in obtaining funds to compile and operate a union catalog, locating the necessary housing and keeping the catalog up-to-date seemed insurmountable. The group voted to limit the catalog to Louisiana materials and a special committee was appointed to study this proposal.

Scholarship and loan fund for graduate study in library science—The Board voted to refer this proposal to the recruiting committee.

Louisiana Reading Festival—The Board voted to cooperate with the State Library and the Louisiana State University Library School in sponsoring this program.

Establishment of a genealogical collection at the State Library—No action taken.

Centralized storage space for Louisiana State Interlibrary Center — No action taken.

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Again, let me that I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as president of

our Association, a strong democratic organization, growing in size and importance yet maintaining a close friendship and fellowship among our members.

Vivian Cazayoux

Dr. Elmer D. Johnson, who became head librarian, Stephens Memorial Library, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, on September 1, 1954, "looks homeward" to Thomas Wolfe with the following bibliography of Wolfe editions published in foreign countries. Dr. Johnson, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, received his A.B. in Library Science, the M.A. (in History), and the Ph.D. degree (also in History) from the University of North Carolina. A devoted collector of Wolfeana, he is also the author of several articles and pamphlets on library science and Southern history.

Chomas Wolfe Abroad

By

ELMER D. JOHNSON

Few recent American novelists have been more popular in post-war Europe than the Southerner, Thomas Wolfe. This is true despite the fact that he died in 1938, and had only two major works to his credit. His first novel, Look Homeward, Angel, was published in the United States in 1929, and it soon attracted European attention, appearing in England in 1930; in Germany and Sweden in 1932; Norway, 1935; Czechoslovakia, 1936; Denmark, 1941; and finally, in Italy in 1949. Other works by Wolfe have been published in France, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Argentina. Wolfe has been particularly well received in England and Germany, and since 1945 renewed interest in his works has been noticeable not only in those countries but also in France, Italy and Argentina. Critical studies of Wolfe have appeared in France, Germany and England, and doctoral dissertations have been written about his works in Germany and Austria. Such popularity in countries where few American authors are accepted as major writers is out of the ordinary, to say the least, and demonstrates rather forcefully the fact that Wolfe was more than an ordinary writer.

Both of Wolfe's major works were autobiographical, and they appeared in the form of four novels. The first, made up of Look Homeward, Angel and Of Time and the River, told the story of his life through the fictional character, Eugene Gant. The second, including The Web and the Rock and You Can't Go Home Again, retold the same story, to a large extent, and brought it up to date through a new hero, George Webber. In both stories the main plot is rather simple, but the genius of Wolfe is demonstrated through his command of the English language, his liquid, flowing narrative style, and his superb control (or lack of it, according to some of his critics) of his material. Wolfe has been compared to James Joyce and Marcel Proust, among recent writers, and to Henry Fielding and William Thackeray of the earlier novelists. Certainly he is in a class by himself among twentieth century American fiction writers, and deserves a special niche in our literary hall of fame.

All of Wolfe's major works have appeared in England, and some of them have had several printings there. Besides these, the following brief and doubtlessly incomplete bibliography of translations of Wolfe-

ana will indicate the extent of his overseas appeal, both geographically and chronologically:

Look Homeward, Angel. (New York, Scribners, 1929. 626 p.)

Angelo, Guarda il Passato. (Turin, 1949. 670 p.) Italian edition, translated by Jole Jannelli Pintor.

Englen paa Torvet. (Copenhagen, 1941. 2 vols.) Danish edition, translated by Ulrich Knigge and Eva Mortensen.

Finn Veien, Engel! (Oslo, 1935. 2 vols.) Norwegian edition, translated by Hans Heiberg.

K Domovu Se Divej, Andele. (Prague, 1936. 508 p.) Czech edition, translated by Zdenek Vancura and Vladimir Vendys.

Schau Heimwarts, Engel. (Berlin, 1932. 556 p.) German edition, translated by Hans Schiebelhuth.

Se Hemat, Angel. (Stockholm, 1932. 515 p.) Swedish edition, translated by Elsa af Trolle.

Of Time and the River. (New York, Scribners, 1935. 912 p.)

Au Fil du Temps. (Paris, 1951. 603 p.) French edition, translated by R. N. Raimbault.

Byen, Reisen og Drommen. (Oslo, 1938. 416 p.) Norwegian edition of the first part of Of Time and the River, translated by Trygve Width.

Del Tiempo y del Rio. (Buenos Aires, 1948. 2 vols.) Argentine edition.

1 Drift pa Livets Elv. (Oslo, 1937. 386 p.) Norwegian edition of the second part of Of Time and the River, translated by Trygve Width.

Strom des Lebens. (Bern, 1941. 743 p.)
Swiss-German edition, translated by Ernst Reinhard.

Von Zeit und Strom. (Berlin, 1936. 2 vols.) German edition, translated by Hans Schiebelhuth.

The Web and the Rock. (New York, Harper, 1939. 696 p.)

Geweb und Fels. (Hamburg, 1953. 691 p.) German edition, translated by Susanne Rademacher. Spindelvaev og Klippe. (Copenhagen, 1940. 2 vols.) Danish edition, translated by Ulrich Knigge and Eva Mortensen.

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La Toile et la Roc. (Lausanne, 1946. 594 p.) Swiss-French edition, translated by Jose Ravita.

You Can't Go Home Again. (New York, Harper, 1941. 743 p.)

Es Fuhrt Kein Weg Zuruck. (Bern, 1942. 747 p.) Swiss-German edition, translated by Ernst Reinhard.

Es Fuhrt Kein Weg Zuruck. (Hamburg, 1950. 624 p.) German edition, translated by Susanne Rademacher.

From Death to Morning. (New York, Scribner, 1935. 304 p.) A group of short stories, previously published in periodicals. De la Mort an Matin. (Paris, 1948. 296 p.) French edition, translated by R. N. Raimbault and Charles P. Vorce.

Vom Tod zum Morgen. (Berlin, 1937. 354 p.) German edition, translated by Hans Schiebelhuth.

The Story of a Novel. (New York, Scribner, 1936. 93 p.) Wolfe's essay on his theory and practice of fiction writing.

Historien om en Roman. (Copenhagen, 1948. 89 p.) Danish edition, translated by Eva Mortensen and Knug Bruun-Rasmussen.

Uns Bleibt die Erde. (Zurich, 1951. 160 p.) A Swiss-German edition, translated by Hans Schiebelhuth and H. M. Ledig-Rowohlt, with several letters added.

Wolfe. (New York, Scribner, 1943. 368 p.)

Briefe an die Mutter. (Munich, 1949. 473 p.) German edition, translated by Ina Seidel.

The Hills Beyond. (New York, Harper, 1941. 386 p.) A short novel and several short stories.

De Fjerne Bjerge. (Copenhagen, 1949. 240 p.) A Danish edition of the short novel, translated by Eva Mortensen and Knug Bruun-Rasmussen. The Web of Earth. (A short novel, included in From Death to Morning, but not printed separately in the United States.)

Das Geweb aus Erde. (Stuttgart, 1948. 136 p.) German edition, translated by Hans Schiebelhuth.

Death the Proud Brother. (A short novel, included in From Death to Morning, but not printed separately in the United States.)

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Tod der Stolze Bruder. (Munich, 1953. 60 p.) German edition, translated by Hans Schiebelhuth.

Foreign critical and biographical studies of Wolfe and his works:

Delakas, Daniel L.: Thomas Wolfe, la

France, et les Romanciers Francais. (Paris, 1950. 154 p.)

Johnson, Pamela: Thomas Wolfe, a Critical Study. London, 1947. 196 p.

Schnabel, Ernst: Thomas Wolfe. (Hamburg, 1947. 36 p.)

Barsch, Hans Georg: Das Epos Thomas Wolfes. (Mainz, 1952; unpublished dissertation.

Linder, Wolfgang: Die Epische Struktur des Romanwerkes von Thomas Wolfe. (Bonn, 1951; unpublished dissertation.)

Neuner, Thea: Thomas Wolfe, Philosophie und Charaktere. (Vienna, 1953; unpublished dissertation.)

Stanzel, Franz: Das Amerikabild Thomas Wolfes. (Graz, Austria, 1950; unpublished dissertation.)

In 1955, through the Acadian Bicentennial Celebration, Louisiana proudly salutes the Acadian settlers and their descendants and recognizes the contributions they have made to our state. Probably no resident of Southwest Louisiana so personifies French graciousness as does Anna Belle Hoffman. Her pet phrase, "Here I am, cher, Crayfish Queen of the Bayou," has brightened the day for many. At L.S.U. (where the editor knew her) Anna Belle charmed all who came her way—from the janitor in Peabody Hall to the most austere professor. The ever-present flower in her hair, the silver crayfish pin she wears, and most of all, her spontaneous friendliness delight all who have met that teacher from Breaux Bridge. We are happy to give you this introduction to Miss Hoffman, written by Assistant Editor Mario Mamalakis. The article first appeared in the October 2, 1954, issue of the Lafayette Progress; and it has appeared also in the Lafayette Daily Advertiser and Louisiana Schools under the title, "Breaux Bridge's Vintage Ford Is Owner's Prized Possession."

Anna Belle and "Ann C. Quity"

By

MARIO MAMALAKIS

Down in the rich Southwest Louisiana oil and agricultural area where expensive automobiles are as plentiful now as the horse and buggy once was, a vivacious Acadian teacher, Miss Anna Belle Hoffman of Breaux Bridge, still proudly drives her 1931 Model "A" Ford.

Better known in the area as "Ann T. Quity," the trusty Ford has some 175,000 miles of travel under its hood.

"Mais jamais," exclaimed Miss Hoffman,

who lapses into French, English, or Spanish at will, when asked if she planned to turn in the vintage Ford anytime soon. "It is in good condition. I will put in hydraulic brakes next week, and I have already put in sealed-beam lights."

Otherwise, the car is still as it was when originally purchased. It will be 25 years old in April, 1955. In their years of association the driver and the car have come to understand one another. In moments of



crisis Miss Hoffman employs a teaspoon and a can opener to make repairs. If necessary she can use a hairpin, too, since she wears her hair long and thus has this potent tool always at hand.

"Usually," she says, "whenever trouble develops, it is raining, but I can still fix 'Ann T. Quity' holding an umbrella and using a teaspoon and can opener."

Miss Hoffman first made use of this novel method for fixing the car when the fan belt came off as they reached the highest peak of the Sierra Madres on the way to Mexico City.

"Mais, enfant," she laughed, "it was raining, yes, and I had to hold the umbrella over me and the radiator was boiling over but I fixed it with the spoon and can opener."

"Let me tell you," she added, "maybe those Lincolns and Cadillacs passed me on the way during the day, but at night my Ford was parked right beside them at the tourist courts. We got as far as they every night."

This was in the summer of 1948 when Miss Hoffman went South of the Border to attend the University of Mexico. "I tell you my car made all the sight-seeing trips as well," she emphasized, "such as Taxco, Pueblo, etc."

In Canada

On another occasion Miss Hoffman and "Ann T. Quity" made 6,000 miles driving from Breaux Bridge to Chicago, Detroit, Canada and back down the East Coast.

"Enfin, in Montreal doesn't my Ford stall on the street car tracks?" she related excitedly. "Street cars were coming from both directions. I jumped out, raised both hands and yelled, Stop! Stop! I realized they may not understand English so I started shouting Arretez! Arretez! It worked and they stopped, but when I climbed back into the car, I was laughing so much I couldn't get the motor to start."

New York. City

In New York City on Broadway at Times Square "Ann T. Quity," overcome by the bright lights, decided to have a flat tire during the 5 o'clock traffic rush. Traffic was snarled, drivers yelled "Country," "Corn Fed," etc., but Miss Hoffman remained unperturbed.

"Mais, non," she argued, "I cannot afford to ruin my tire. Someone must come to fix it here." Giving up in despair, the cop summoned aid and stood guard to get traffic by while repairs were made.

Miss Hoffman says the tires are an obsolete size, but are still obtainable. She has changed tires five times.

Finding it difficult to obtain hotel accommodation in New York City, Miss Hoffman finally discovered a hotel managed by a French Canadian. She and her group pretended to be able to speak only French and so delighted the manager that the best of everything was placed at their disposal.

Inherently honest, they finally told him they were Acadians from South Louisiana and actually could speak English fluently. The welcome mat, however, had already been rolled out and so it remained for the remainder of their stay.

France-Amerique

A person of many interests and a leader in her area, Miss Hoffman, who is assistant principal of the Breaux Bridge High School, is president of France-Amerique, an area organization of over 100 members dedicated to the purpose of stimulating and preserving French culture in Louisiana. She is also an ardent music enthusiast and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Lafayette Community Concert Association for the past five years.

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This past summer Miss Hoffman acted as liaison interpreter for a group of educational leaders from Laos and Indo-China who were brought here under F.O.A. to study at an L.S.U. Workshop. Miss Hoffman conversed with them in French and translated into English whatever they wished to get over. The only thing that stopped Miss Hoffman momentarily was the discovery when she went into a jewelry shop with one of the ladies in the Indo-China group, and was told that the "costume jewelry" being worn by her charge was actually some of the finest quality of diamonds. A pair of rings was valued at \$70,000 and two diamond bracelets as well as other diamond jewelry ran the figure much higher. Miss Hoffman admits that this time she was really awed.

Plays Piano Accordian

Her latest hobby is playing the piano accordian, an ideal instrument for accompanying singers in the French folk songs of the area.

Further proof of the respect the community has for Miss Hoffman and "Ann T. Quity" was demonstrated a few years ago when the bridge over Bayou Teche, which meanders through the town, collapsed and a new one was constructed. The first car allowed to cross on the new bridge was "Ann T. Quity" driven, of course, by Miss Hoffman.

Tourists who will flock to the state in 1955 for the Acadian Bicentennial Celebration will no doubt show as much interest in Miss Hoffman and her vintage Ford as in the many historical things to be seen in this Acadian land of Evangeline.

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Dr. Russell E. Helmick presents below his reflections on the administrative responsibilities of the principal toward the school library. A former teacher and principal in the school systems of Kentucky and West Virginia, Dr. Helmick presently is Counselor Trainer in the College of Education, Louisiana State University.

The School Administrator And the Library

By

RUSSELL E. HELMICK



Today the school library is a part of the school to be included in the school building regardless of size. Providing for a certain number of books, floor space, and appropriation of so much money per pupil enrollment is a usual experience of the administration in schools everywhere. This has placed the library in the category of another of the administrative responsibilities.

Early standards of accreditation, based largely on "count," made providing a person and books the chief criteria for beginning a library. Most often the books came from "somewhere" and the person was "found." This criteria remains prominent in many localities and even now determines attitudes

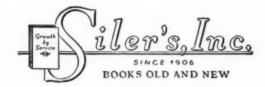
toward many school librarians. Where unsatisfactory library conditions exist in a school it has been found that perspective has been lacking on the part of the educator. Perhaps the qualitative emphasis should be deemphasized. Providing space, books and placing "just a person" in charge of the library has done little to up-grade the library.

Where the library is premised on a qualitative concept the school administrator gives status to the library. It is then that the library may become a functional and an integral part of the instructional program. The staff of the school, including the librarian, has considered the purposes of the library for all instructional areas. In this connection the librarian and the staff will determine how many and how varied the magazine and book collections should be. When acquisitions to the library are purposely made, much dead and infrequently used material will not accumulate there.

In schools where the trained librarian is employed the school has available the services of a specialist in teaching methods. The librarian is a materials specialist. Training and experience makes this person a reservoir for additional source material so vital for method and procedure today. Why not consider the real worth of the librarian and the contributions he can make as a staff member and not peg him as one to administer a book and magazine collection? Why not use the resources of this person in curriculum studies? As a materials specialist he can give immeasurable assistance to a faculty as it

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thinks through curriculum adjustments and modifications.

A principal who "tees" staff members to examine objectives of courses taught may soon find teachers calling on the librarian for assistance rather than asking "How may the library be made a more effective library?" He has then made a real, live relationship to exist between teaching and using the library as it should be used.

The staff will recognize and use the library when the members become acquainted with "what's there." Many teachers, for the first time, will tend to take more interest in the materials already in the library and begin searching for and suggesting other obtainable instructional aids.

The school library functioning in appropriate perspective is not a responsibility but an opportunity for the administrator. The school librarian is thus considered an educator-librarian. A school with this concept of the library and the librarian does not just happen; but it is a result of administrative leadership and initiative. The results obtained manifest themselves in all areas of the school offerings. In this regard it is becoming axiomatic that, "A good school library is possible only when you cannot tell where the school leaves off and the library begins."

Bibliographies of State Documents

Two new bibliographies of Louisiana documents were distributed in January, 1955 by Secretary of State, Wade O. Martin, Jr., to over 1,000 libraries.

These two volumes have been in preparation for several years. They were issued by Mr. Martin as a sesquicentennial publication because, together with a volume already published, 150 years of Louisiana documents are listed. That is, the bibliographical record of all Louisiana state publications since territorial times is now complete to date. It is this fact which increases the importance of these two new publications out of all proportion to the nineteen years covered.

All Louisiana librarians are familiar with the work of Miss Lucy B. Foote, Louisiana State University Library, whose monumental volume "Bibliography of the Official Publications of Louisiana, 1803-1934" was issued as Volume 19 of the "American Imprints Inventory Series" in 1942. Volume I of the new bibliographies was prepared by Miss Foote as a supplement to this earlier work and covers 1935-1948. It is a supplement not only because the periods covered are successive, but also because publications for the earlier period, which came to the compiler's attention after the publication of the volume, are included in the later volume.

Volume II, prepared by Mrs. Margaret Lane, Recorder of Documents in the Secretary of State's office, covers 1948-1953. It is a continuation of Volume I and also a cumulation of the semi-annual lists issued in accordance with R.S. 25:123.

These two new volumes were published as a service to the depository libraries created under R.S. 25:121, and to the library profession as a whole, by Wade O. Martin, Jr., Secretary of State, with the series title "Official Publications, 1935-1953." Depository libraries are those libraries which receive and preserve state documents in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 25:121-124, which Louisiana librarians will remember as Act 493 of 1948. The bibliographies will afford the depositories an additional checklist of the state publications they now have.

Distributed at the same time as the two new volumes was the supplementary issue of the semi-annual list of public documents prepared in accordance with R.S. 25:123. Formerly released with the title, "Semi-annual List of the Public Documents of Louisiana," it was published with a new and shorter title, "Public Documents." The numbering which had been adopted for the semi-annual list was retained. Volume II of "Official Publications" cumulated num-

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bers 1-10 of the semi-annual lists and also number 11, which was never issued separately. The new "Public Documents," covering January-June, 1954, was numbered 12. This regular, legally required supplementation of the bibliography of state documents will be of increasing value to libraries through the years. The first distribution of these volumes was made to the Louisiana depository libraries. Distribution was also made to all state agencies, boards and commissions, to approximately 600 high school libraries throughout the state, and to large state, university and foreign libraries in the United States and abroad.

Convention News

Plans have been completed for the Annual Convention of the Louisiana Library Association, which will be held in Baton Rouge, Thursday, March 24-Saturday, March 26. The Bellemont Motor Hotel, 7370 Airline Highway, will serve as convention headquarters.

The Program Committee (Mrs. Lucile Carnahan, Elliott Hardaway, Elizabeth Cammack, and Sallie Farrell, Chairman) has announced the following speakers for the March convention: Robert Vosper, Director, University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, Kansas; Walter Watkins, Laurel, Mississippi, author and former L.S.U. lecturer on history of literary criticism; and L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress and President, American Library Association.

Governor and Mrs. Robert F. Kennon will entertain convention delegates at a tea on Friday afternoon, March 25, at the Governor's Mansion.

The convention officially begins Thurs-

day afternoon, March 24, with a general session scheduled for two o'clock. Other general sessions will be held Thursday night and Saturday morning with the traditional Book Dinner to be held on Friday night. Sectional meetings have been arranged for Friday morning with the exception of the Trustees' Section which will meet Friday afternoon.

A mimeographed list of the motels along the Airline Highway and their rates, together with a map of the highway, was sent out with the membership dues notices in January. Reservations for rooms should be made as early as possible. Confirmation of reservations should be requested. Some of the motels require advance payment or deposit to hold rooms, but they will so notify you in their letters of confirmation. If you fail to get reservations at any of the motels listed or if you will need transportation between Baton Rouge and the motels, notify Mrs. Lois F. Shortess, Convention Chairman, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge.

Proposed Changes in L.L.A. Constitution and By-Laws

The Executive Board of the Louisiana Library Association plans to propose the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws at the business session of the next L.L.A. convention. All new material is italicized. In accordance with Article VI of the Constitution these proposed changes are being published here as official notification to the membership.



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Article IV, Section 5

Now reads—In addition to the regular officers, there shall be elected Representatives to the American Library Association and to the Southwestern Library Association in accordance with the regulations of each of these Associations.

Add—In the event that the elected Representatives are unable to attend the meetings of the American Library Association Council and the Southwestern Library Association Executive Board, the President shall have the power to appoint substitutes to attend these meetings.

By-LAWS:

Article III, Section 2

Now reads—The standing Committees shall be: Adult Education; Auditing; Constitution, By-Laws, and Manual; Convention; Federal Relations; Legislation; Louisiana Literary Award; Membership; Modisette Award; Nominating; Public Relations; Recruiting; and State Planning.

Add—Intellectual Freedom; and Modisette Award for Trustees.

Article IV, Section 5

New Section—Members whose dues are unpaid at the close of the Annual Convention each year and who shall continue such delinquency for one month after notice of same has been sent shall be dropped from membership. Lapsed members may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year.

Article IV, Section 6

New Section — New members whose dues are paid after September 1 shall be members in good standing for the remainder of the current year and the next year as well.

Over the Charging Desk

By

EUNICE E. HEITMAN



The second annual conference of the Washington Parish Library Staff and Board of Control was held November 24 in the "Cone Room" of the Pine Tree Inn in Bogalusa. Miss Adele Bodker, Parish Librarian of Tangipahoa, was a guest. Special speakers were: Mayor Curt Siegelin, Bogalusa; Mrs. Max Schenker, East Baton Rouge Parish Librarian; Miss Sarah I. Jones, Field

Representative of the Louisiana State Library; and Mrs. Roger Richardson, Publicity Assistant on the State Library staff. All members of the Board were present.

Miss Margie Lynch of the Lake Charles Public Library took over her duties as Librarian of the Vermilion Parish Library on January 1. Miss Lynch replaced Mrs. Jeanne P. Sellers who resigned.

Additions to the professional staff at the Jefferson Parish Public Library include: R. A. Hoffpauir, Jr., in charge of Reference, Information, and Book Selection, formerly assistant reference librarian at Northwestern State College in Natchitoches; Mrs. Marie Mitchell McPherson, Assistant Cataloger, formerly in the Circulation Department at Louisiana State University. Changes at head-quarters in Gretna are the promotion of

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Miss Esther Claire Robertson from Branch Supervisor to Assistant Librarian; of Jules Bartels from Assistant Order Librarian to Order Librarian; of Mrs. Lucile W. Woodson, Catalog Librarian, to Supervisor of Headquarters staff and activities.

The Jefferson Parish Public Library opened a new branch at Bridgedale, 520 Transcontinental Drive. Located between Metairie and Kenner, the branch serves approximately 12,000 people.

Mrs. Charles Yancey, Assistant at Ferriday, enjoyed an extended winter trip through Mexico with her husband. They joined a Trailer Caravan leaving from Arizona. During Mrs. Yancey's leave of absence from the Concordia Parish Library, her place was filled by Mrs. R. B. Speed and Mrs. J. L. Clayton, both part time assistants of the library.

Although it has already been noted in other library periodicals, the death of Milton James Ferguson, former chief librarian of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Public Library, on October 23, 1954, after a brief illness, has saddened his many friends in Louisiana. It will be remembered that Mr. Ferguson was President of the League of Library Commissions at the time that the League grant was made to Louisiana in 1925, when thirteen states were being considered. During the five years of the demonstration financed by funds from the Carnegie Corporation through the League, Mr. Ferguson gave general supervision of the project and made many visits to the state. His interest in the library program of Louisiana made us feel that he was one of us.

There have been a number of staff changes at the Louisiana State Library. Mrs. Roger Richardson, who acted as public relations assistant in place of Mrs. Howard Gittinger, has resigned since the family is moving to New York. Mrs. Tom Sisson of the Extension Department staff also resigned when she moved back to New Orleans and her position has been taken by Mrs. Blanca Lastrapes, who was at one time in the Romance Languages Library at L.S.U.

The St. Martin Parish Library Demonstration was opened on January 9, 1955, with headquarters in St. Martinville. Miss Hazel Sockrider is in charge, and after completing her work at L.S.U. at mid-term, Miss Charlotte Holbrook will be assistant librarian.

Miss Vivian Cazayoux attended a meeting of the study conference of the Southeast Adult Education Association meeting in Atlanta, December 3 and 4.

Eugene Watson, Librarian of Northwestern State College, and Misses Essae M. Culver, Sallie Farrell, Vivian Cazayoux, Elizabeth Cammack, and Debora R. Abramson of the State Library staff are among those who attended the Midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago, January 29-February 5, 1955.

Two staff members of the New Orleans Public Library joined hands in matrimony in December. They are Mrs. Levy Borne and Mr. Eugene McArthur, who have been staff members for many years.

The semi-annual meeting of the staff of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library was held December 18 at the headquarters building, followed by a luncheon and the exchange of gifts at the Casa Loma. The entertainment there had been arranged by Mrs. Oliver Robinson, New Roads Branch Assistant. Mrs. I. E. Crawford, assistant in the Chenal Branch since January, 1944, resigned December 1 because she was leaving the parish. Mrs. L. H. Lorio of Lakeland replaced Mrs. Crawford.

In Iberia Parish Miss Ruth Lefkovits has been appointed Libraran and George Lallande, President of the Iberia Parish Library Board, has been appointed chairman, Trustees Section of L.L.A.

A Gaylord charging machine has been installed in the New Iberia Branch of the Iberia Parish Library. Other news from Iberia includes the opening of the Booker T. Washington Negro Branch on February 6 and the celebration of National Children's Book Week by a favorite book election at the New Iberia Branch. The favorite book

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was Secret Garden, by Burnett and tied for second place were Lassie Come Home, by Knight and Buttons Go Walking, by Mammen.

Mrs. Goldie Greig Cogdell, an August graduate of L.S.U. Library School, has been Acting Librarian of St. Tammany since September 1, replacing Mrs. Cecile Ritter, who has gone to the Philippines as a librarian with the Air Force. Miss Jerry Deane Prieto, a recent graduate of L.S.U. and Covington Branch Assistant since June, was married on November 7 to Troy Jackson.

New additions to the staff at Shreve Memorial Library are Mrs. Elaine Bryant, Children's room assistant; Mrs. Ida Boggs, Reference librarian; and Mrs. Dorothy Tash, Assistant in Parish department.

The "Lively Arts," the Shreve-sponsored T.V. program, has brought to the public outstanding personalities in the arts and messages from the librarians. Included on the program were Donald Gramm, baritone; James Aswell, author; and Father McCurran, the singing Scottish priest. From the Shreve-port scene have been Mr. and Mrs. John Wray Young, the Little Theater directors; Don Brown, head of the Art Department at Centenary; and Mr. H. B. Wright, curator of Louisiana State Museum. Miss Ruby Weaver, Supervisor of the Branch Libraries, reviews books that reflect the book collection in relation to the programs.

Miss Mary Moore Mitchell reports that the Madison Parish Library staff members are agreed that the Fall reading club recently completed in the four white branches was one of the most rewarding clubs ever conducted there with 225 children receiving certificates for reading 15 books from an approved list and 126 of these reading at least one book in each of 10 classifications.

Mrs. Lou Venia G. Jones, Morehouse Parish Librarian, attended an L.L.A. Executive Board meeting in Baton Rouge on December 11. She also reports having attended the Webster Parish Library's 25th anniversary celebration on October 8 and the Winn Parish Library's open house dedication of their new building on November 14. The Winn Parish dedication was also attended by Mrs. Inez Craven, Miss Irma Jean Degges, and Mrs. Mildred Price of the head-quarters staff.

Miss Loma Knighten, Southwestern Louisiana College; Miss Patricia Catlett, Southeastern Louisiana College; and Misses Inez Boone, Nell Cunningham, and Ruby Weaver of Shreve Memorial Library report attendance at S.W.L.A. in November. Miss Anna Davis, Southeastern Louisiana College Librarian, was elected to serve as secretary of the Southwestern Library Association for the Biennium 1955-56.

Miss Lois Howington replaced Mrs. William Baker on the headquarters staff of the Franklin Parish Library. New president of the Franklin Parish Library Board is Mrs. C. R. Adams, Sr., whose name is synonymous with library development in Franklin. Mrs. Asa Kiper is vice-president and Mr. B. S. Landis, Sr., is treasurer.

Librarians of Northeast Louisiana met in Monroe at the Ouachita Parish Library on January 15 to make plans and exchange ideas on the Louisiana Reading Festival. Cooperative T.V. programs and a joint column in the Sunday edition of the Monroe Morning World are two of the activities decided on. Luncheon at a local restaurant followed the meeting. Librarians present were Mrs. Lillian Gray, Concordia; Mrs. Rubie Hanks, Winn; Miss Lola Cooper, LaSalle; Miss Willie Mae Seab, Caldwell; Mrs. Lou Venia Jones, Morehouse; Miss Elizabeth Cammack, East Carroll; Miss Mary Louise Giraud, Tensas; Miss Mary Moore Mitchell, Madison; Mrs. Lellah Lyle, Richland; Miss Eunice Heitman, Franklin; and Miss Frances Flanders, Ouachita. Mrs. G. L. White, Winn Parish Board member, was a guest.

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Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

A new organization, the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library, was formed at a meeting held at McGehee's School on Wednesday, January 5. Its objects are to assist in the development of the Library program, to interpret the Library needs to the community and vice-versa, and to assist in obtaining a new main library. Mrs. J. W. Reily, well-known New Orleans civic leader and winner of the *Times-Picayune* Loving Cup, has been named Temporary Chairman.

Louisiana Adult Education Conference.

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A statewide adult education conference is to be held at Pleasant Hall on the Louisiana State University campus on Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, 1955. Vivian Cazayoux, Chairman of the Steering Committee for the conference, announces that the conference is being sponsored by the Louisiana State University Extension Division with the cooperation of a number of organizations and agencies, including the Louisiana Library Association. The purpose of the conference is to bring together representatives of all organizations, institutions and agencies engaged in programs directed toward the education of adults with a view toward establishing cooperation among these groups.

Dr. Julius M. Nolte, Dean of the General Extension Division at the University of Minnesota, will give the keynote address and Dr. Robert Luke on the staff of the Adult Education Association of the U. S. will give the final address. The Saturday morning session will provide the opportunity for the participants to discuss how the future of adult education in Louisiana can best be served and to plan for some follow-up action, thus establishing the continuing influence of the conference. All librarians are invited to participate in the conference.

Rapides Parish Librarians Association.

The Rapides Parish Librarians Association was organized at a meeting held in the Medical Library of the Central Louisiana State Hospital on Saturday, November 20. Its purpose is to provide for discussion of mutual problems, for better acquaintance and fellowship among librarians working in the parish, and a coordinating group for pro-

moting and implementing programs for the advancement of library service and reading. Officers elected were: President, Miss Emily Reed, Librarian of the Rapides Parish Library; Vice-President, Sammy A. Dyson, Louisiana College Librarian; Secretary, Mrs. Idele Wilson, Lecompte High School Librarian; and Treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Zachary, Medical Librarian, Central Louisiana State Hospital. Mr. Dyson was appointed chairman of the by-laws committee, which includes Mrs. Betty Rhoad, Librarian of the Alexandria Public Library, and Miss Reed. A committee to make plans for parish participation in the state-wide adult reading program was appointed with Mrs. Pauline Parker, Pineville High School Librarian, as Chairman, and Mrs. Antoinette P. Price, Oakhill High School Librarian, and Mr. Dyson as the other members. The Association will meet quarterly, the next meeting falling in February. Others attending the organizational meeting were: Mrs. Susie Agner, Cheneyville High School Librarian; Beryl Noland, Community Center Branch Assistant; Mrs. Pearle T. Slatten, Boyce High School Librarian; Miss Lucille Spurlock, Tioga High School Librarian; Mrs. Virginia Strohschein, Bolton High School Librarian; and Miss Alleen Thompson, Assistant Librarian of the Rapides Parish Library.

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East Carroll Demonstration.

After only four months of demonstration, the East Carroll Parish Library Demonstration was assured of permanency by the successful voting of a 2½ mill tax for ten years. This will give the library an income of about \$22,000. Miss Elizabeth Cammack is parish librarian.

Library Services Bill.

On January 10 the Library Services Bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Lister Hill (D., Ala.), for himself and seven other Senators. Co-sponsors are George Aiken (R., Vt.), Paul Douglas (D., Ill.), Irving Ives (R., N.Y.), Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Frank Carlson (R., Kans.), Henry

Jackson (D., Wash.) and William Langer (R., N.D.).

On Monday, January 3, Senator Hill, Chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, disclosed a seven point legislative program described as "the most pressing and important problems affecting the health and education of the American people." Included as one point of this program is the Library Services Bill. The release quotes the Senator as saying:

". . . I believe the time has come for us to fill one other important gap in our educational process. No one can hope to understand the complexities of the modern world, of modern government, or of modern life without free and ready access to books, periodicals, and other sources of information. I intend to reintroduce my bill to promote the extension and improvement of public library services, particularly in rural areas, and I am confident that it will be well received by the 84th Congress."

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the great need for extending and develop-Senator Hill spoke on the Senate Floor of ing public library service to the rural areas of our country either without such service or with inadequate service.

The identical House Bills will be introduced shortly. Eleven members have already agreed to sponsor the measure in the 84th Congress. A number of others have indicated interest in sponsoring.

Louisiana State Library Building.

Progress is being made on the new building for the Louisiana State Library. John Desmond of Hammond, designing architect, William Burk Associates, structural architects, and the firm of Ulveling and Mohrhardt of Detroit, as consultants, have been approved by the Louisiana Building Authority. The Library considers these appointments very fortunate, as Mr. Desmond has received citations from the American Institute of Architects for buildings of his design, and the consultants have likewise received citations, the latest having been presented to Mr. Mohrhardt in connection with the American Memorial Library in Berlin.

D.A.R. Library

Miss Frances Flanders, Librarian of the Ouachita Parish Public Library, is now serving a three year term as State Librarian of the Louisiana Society, D.A.R. With this office came a collection of more than four hundred books on genealogy. Since May many books have been rebound and the entire collection has been reclassified and put in working condition. Patrons of other libraries are welcome to go to the library in Monroe and use the collection. A list of the holdings will be furnished other libraries on request.

Regional Conference.

Lawrence Clark Powell, Librarian of the University of California, has extended an invitation to Louisiana librarians to attend a regional library conference to be held at Occidental College, Los Angeles, in April. The Sixth Annual Conference to be sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation and Occidental College will open on Friday, April 15, with sessions on the Economics of Mexico, and panels on this subject will also run concurrently on Saturday morning with the annual meeting of the California Library Association's Southern District.

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Louisiana Association of School Librarians.

The Louisiana Association of School Librarians met in conjunction with the Louisiana Education Association in Monroe, on Tuesday, November 23, with Miss Jane Ellen Carstens presiding. The group met in two sessions in the West Monroe High School Library. At the first session Mrs. Genevieve Foster, author and illustrator of children's books, spoke informally to the group about the incidents which prompted her to write her books. Mrs. Foster's works include George Washington's World, Abraham Lincoln's World, and several books in the "Initial Biographies" series. She has twice been a "runner up" for the Newberry Medal and George Washington won a Boys' Clubs of America award in 1950.

At the business session Mrs. B. E. Daughdril announced a change in the basis for the Modisette Award to schools. Hereafter, the Modisette Award Committee will select a field of competition and make the award to the school library outstanding in that field. The award for 1954-55 will go to the library having an outstanding student assistants' organization.

The following officers were elected for 1955-56:

President: Miss Olive Gehring, Librarian, Hamilton Training School and Associate Professor of Library Science, S.L.I.

Vice-President: Mrs. Clara O. Cheves, Natchitoches Elementary School

Secretary: Mrs. Florette Porche, Librarian, Thibodaux High School

Treasurer: Mrs. John E. McGehee, Librarian, Ruston Junior High School.

L.L.A. Executive Board Meeting

A joint meeting of the 1954 and 1955 Executive Boards was held on December 11, 1954, at the State Library in Baton Rouge, Vivian Cazayoux presiding. Before the meeting formally convened, time was allowed for the present and incoming officers to confer and exchange information and material pertinent to each office. Following is a summary of the minutes of the meeting.

The treasurer gave a report, summarizing the receipts, disbursements and assets and stating that the books were closed for 1954 and ready for auditing. (See complete Treas-

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Here the meeting was turned over to the incoming president, Elizabeth Cammack, for a discussion of the 1955 convention plans. Miss Cammack explained that there had been some misunderstanding at the Heidelberg Hotel where reservations had been made to hold the convention on March 24-26, and another convention had been scheduled for the same dates. In view of this, the local committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lois Shortess, had investigated the possibility of holding the meeting at the Bellemont Motor Hotel. The advantages and disadvantages of both hotels were discussed at length and the group voted to hold the convention at the Bellemont. Plans made by the program chairman with Sallie Farrell as chairman were summarized.

Miss Cazayoux returned to the chair. It was moved and seconded that the Association adopt the policy of paying the cost of a hotel suite for the president during the time of the annual convention. Motion carried.

Reports on Association projects in progress were heard. Norma Durand, chairman, reported for the committee investigating the possibility of compiling a union catalog of Louisiana materials located in Louisiana libraries. The president reported on the other projects including the revision of the act providing for the distribution of Louisiana documents. The Louisiana Reading Festival, the possibility of establishing a scholarship

or loan fund for graduate work in library science, production of television spot announcements to promote library work as a career, and the preparation of a convention manual.

The following motions were made, seconded and received a unanimous vote:

That the Constitutional amendment making the A.L.A. councilors members of the Executive Board be withdrawn and that in its place a statement be included in the Code making it possible for the president to invite these councilors to Executive Board

meetings.

That Article IV, Section 5, of the Constitution be amended by adding the following statement: "In the event that the elected Representatives are unable to attend the meetings of the A.L.A. Council and the S.W.L.A. Executive Board, the President shall have the power to appoint substitutes to attend these meetings." Notice of this proposed amendment will be printed in the Winter issue of the *Bulletin* and voted on at the 1955 convention.

That each A.L.A. councilor be allowed \$100.00 per year toward his expenses and that a statement to this effect be incorporated in the Code.

That the Chairman of each Section or the person in charge of planning the Section program serve ex-officio as members of the convention program committee and that this addition be incorporated into the Code.

That copies of all correspondence of officers, committee chairmen and section chairmen shall be sent to the president and that this addition be incorporated into the Code.

That the Code for the nominating committee be amended to include the statement that representatives to the S.W.L.A. shall be included in the list of nominations every two years, in even years.

Since no S.W.L.A. representatives were elected in 1954, the Board made the following tentative appointments to be approved by the membership at the 1955 con-

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vention: Elizabeth Cammack, Mrs. Ruth Clark Reedy, Mrs. Lois F. Shortess.

The matter of reapplication for chapter status in A.L.A. to be voted on by the membership at the 1955 convention was discussed.

It was moved and seconded that the Association affiliate with the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation, a group made up of independent organizations, the purpose of which is to promote good legislation. Motion carried.

The possibility of establishing a cash prize for the winner of the Louisiana Literary Award was discussed, but no decision was made.

The indexing of Louisiana periodicals, studied and reported on by a special committee in 1952, was discussed. The Board was very interested in this project and recommended that it be presented to the membership for action.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

L.L.A. Greasurer's Report, 1954

Balance on hand, March 10, 1954*		\$3,052.59
Dues	\$1,620.10	
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A.L.A. Representative's allotment	100.00	
Bulletin subsidy	500.00	
Convention	1,570.03	
General operating expenses (including printing)	311.73	
Committees		
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